



COMMANDER'S STATEMENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE



The distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs, and the wrongful use or abuse of legal but controlled substances must be stopped. These activities destroy our operational effectiveness and health of our Marines and Sailors, their careers and their families. We must work together to identify these behaviors in MWSS-271 and prevent or stop them.

We will engage in an aggressive campaign of education and action to prevent or eliminate all forms of substance abuse. The primary focus of effort will be on prevention. Where the problem already exists, we will focus on detection and education. This will enable our Marines, Sailors, and families to be armed with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues before they develop into serious problems.

To support our campaign, at least 10 percent of our Squadron will participate in random urinalysis testing each month. All Marines reporting aboard via permanent change of station orders, permanent change of assignment orders or leave/TAD/PTAD periods greater than five days will be tested within 72 hours of arrival. All personnel involved in the collection and shipment of urine samples will be tested at least once per month. The Command will conduct unannounced health and welfare inspections of billeting areas and work spaces.

For individuals with substance abuse problems; you will be offered any and all assistance available to get you the help you need. For individuals who possess, use, or distribute illegal drugs, you will be held accountable.

We must ensure that every member of MWSS-271 is committed to eradicating the distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs, and the wrongful use or abuse of legal but controlled substances from our organization. We will succeed through engaged leadership, training, counseling and constant vigilance to keep this illegal behavior from destroying our combat effectiveness and the health and general welfare of our individual Marines, Sailors, DOD Civilians and their families.


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